GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges has been set up, if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(b) whether any meeting has been held by the council since its inception and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the recommendations or steps taken by the council towards betterment of the Nutritional health of the country along with the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) whether the council has been dissolved or reconstituted; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the new alternate body set up in its place?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) The Prime Minister's National Council on India's Nutrition challenges was set up in the year 2008 as an apex body for policy review and directions. The Council comprises Prime Minister (Chairman), Ministers of Human Resource Development; Agriculture; Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution; Finance; Health & Family Welfare; Women & Child Development; Rural Development; Urban Development; Information & Broadcasting; Panchayati Raj; Deputy Chairman (Planning Commission), Cabinet Secretary and other eminent experts. Its mandate is to provide policy directions to address India's nutritional challenges through coordinated inter-sectoral action and review programmes for nutrition on a quarterly basis.

(b) & (c): The meeting of Prime Minister's National Council for India's Nutrition Challenges was held on 24th November, 2010, during which the Council took the following decisions:
(i) Strengthening and restructuring the ICDS scheme, which has been rolled out w.e.f. year 2012-13.
(ii) Introduction of a multi-sectoral programme to address maternal and child malnutrition in selected 200 high burden districts which could not be taken up.
(iii) Introducing nationwide Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign against malnutrition, which was launched on 19th November 2012 and undertaken until year 2014-15.
(iv) Making nutrition a focus in the programmes in schemes of line Ministries, which is monitored by NITI Aayog.

(d) & (e): No, Madam. The Council has not been dissolved or reconstituted.

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